

HALSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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# **Annual Report**

OF THE

**MEDICAL OFFICER**

OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC

**HEALTH INSPECTOR**

FOR

**1967**

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# TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HALSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District during 1967.

## **Vital Statistics**

The estimated population is 17,670 and there were 324 live births and four still births which gives a birth rate of 21.8 compared with 17.2 for England and Wales.

The death rate of 8.4 for 1,000 of the population compared with 11.2 for England and Wales.

The population of the district continues to increase and the birth rate is higher than that of England and Wales. Nationally the birth rate fell again for the second year, but the reverse occurred in this district.

There was no change in the distribution of the main causes of death in 1967.

## **Infectious Diseases**

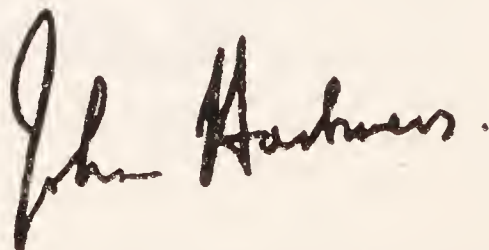
There were 236 cases of Measles notified during the year. This, it is to be hoped, will be the last occasion on which a substantial number of cases of Measles will be notified. The clinical trials which took place this year have proved the efficacy and safety of the use of the vaccine on a large scale, and it will be introduced into the immunisation programme in 1968.

There were a few cases of Dysentery during the year which were an overflow of a large outbreak in a school in Braintree and all the children who caught the disease attended this school.

There was also a family outbreak of Salmonella infection which was not due to spread by food. The cause of the infection was proved to be calves, and the father caught the infection during the course of his work with the calves, and it spread to the rest of the family. The Salmonella organism is commonly found in cattle and poultry, and the intensive husbandry of these animals and the prevalent practice of adding antibiotics to animal feeds, will from time to time cause infection in those who look after the animals.

## **Environmental Hygiene**

The details of this work are described by Mr. Nield. Progress continued to be made in sewerage and sewage disposal. During the year the Council resolved to introduce a weekly refuse collection, and while this is not strictly a Public Health matter, it is undoubtedly a service which will be widely appreciated.



*Medical Officer of Health*

## TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HALSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the environmental health services provided by your Public Health Inspectors during 1967. It is my 21st Report, and as customary consists of statistics required by statute with some brief comment.

The importance of the protective and preventive public health work accomplished by "routine" duties is sometimes overlooked, as also is the concept of "health" as being something much more than the mere absence of recognizable disease or infirmity. The Report records steady progress in the improvement of environmental conditions under the subject headings of Food Control and Hygiene, Water Supplies, Air Pollution, Housing, Places of Employment, Drainage and Sewerage, and Pests, etc., control. The statistics also, however, show what had to be neglected on account of other more pressing work.

Housing, in its many aspects, again had priority in the work of your Public Health Inspectors. The encouragement of improved housing standards through financial grants and loans, the prevention of deterioration in the condition of older houses through routine inspection and enforcement action concerning disrepair, and the reconstruction or demolition of condemned houses through slum clearance proposals, all help in making a major contribution to the maintenance and improvement of the District's social as well as environmental health conditions. The cumulative effect of continued effort in housing work over the years can readily be seen in the improved housing conditions in our villages. There is, however, an urgent need for a "new look" being applied to the present statutory housing standards of fitness, and the modernisation of these standards by overdue amending legislation. The number of condemned unfit houses which continued to be occupied was again excessively high (138), and it is essential to secure early re-housing of these families and the reconditioning or demolition of their houses.

Drainage duties closely followed housing in priority, and these duties have, in recent years, much increased with the extended availability of mains water supplies and public sewerage facilities, both in connection with new and existing properties. A further village public sewerage and sewage disposal scheme (Foxearth), and a sewage disposal works extension scheme (Gosfield) were completed during the year. Ministerial approval was received for a village public sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for Belchamp St. Paul. During the year a survey was made of the Rural District by Public Health Inspectors regarding the need for public sewerage schemes, and a report considered by the Council with a view to formulating a future programme for the provision of such facilities.



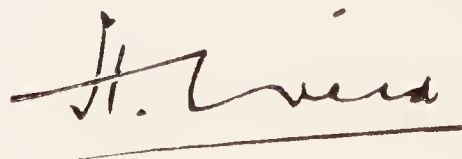
Public cleansing duties were the responsibility of your Engineer and Surveyor, but a notable event during the year, following the publication by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government of the "Report of the Working Party on Refuse Collection", was a resolution by the Council that a weekly kerbside refuse collection service be introduced throughout the District on the 1st July, 1968 or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, in place of the present fortnightly kerbside collection.

Food supplies control and food hygiene work generally formed an appreciable proportion of your Public Health Inspectors' duties, but could not be given the time and attention they merit on account of other more pressing duties. The help and support of the general public in this work is invaluable, but unfortunately public apathy in accepting lower than desirable standards and practices of food hygiene does hinder progress. Only five complaints were received during the year regarding unfit food, food handlers' unhygienic practices or uncleanly food premises, and this, in my opinion, is an indication of public apathy rather than an absence of reason for complaint. Your Public Health Inspectors continued to carry out 100% inspection of meat slaughtered in the District and official stamping of all fit carcasses. Regular routine inspection of poultry at the four poultry processing premises in the District was not practicable, but occasional examinations were made as possible. No ice cream, etc., sampling was possible on account of inability to obtain supplies of refrigerant locally.

The supervision of places of employment by Public Health Inspectors under the provisions of the Factories Acts, Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, etc., has received increasing attention in recent years, and the statistical details in this Report show continued steady improvement in conditions and absence of serious contraventions.

Air pollution and noise abatement, two environmental conditions of major importance, were not the subject of any complaints locally, and pressure of other work did not permit the time and effort warranted to be devoted to these duties.

Once again it is a pleasure to record my thanks to the staff for their willing and loyal assistance, and to colleagues in other Departments for their courteous and helpful co-operation throughout the year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Evans", written over a horizontal line.

*Health Inspector*

# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Area (in acres) .. .. .  | 76,637   |
| Population (Registrar General's estimate) .. .. .                            | 17,670   |
| Number of inhabited houses (end of 1967) according to the Rate Books .. .. . | 7,259    |
| Rateable Value .. .. .   | £448,189 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate .. .. .                                      | £1,674   |

## Live Births:

|  | <i>Total</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> |
|--|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Legitimate .. .. .   | 307          | 147         | 160           |
| Illegitimate .. .. .   | 17           | 6           | 11            |
| Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated population .. .. .           |              |             | 18.3          |
| Birth rate (corrected by comparability factor of 1.19) .. .. . |              |             | 21.8          |
| Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) .. .. .    |              |             | 17.2          |
| Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births .. .. . |              |             | 5.2           |

## Still Births:

|  | <i>Total</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> |
|--|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Legitimate .. .. .   | 3            | 1           | 2             |
| Illegitimate .. .. .   | 1            | 0           | 1             |
| Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. .. . |              |             | 12.2          |
| Total births (live and still) .. .. .                            |              |             | 328           |

## Infant and Maternal Mortality:

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Deaths of infants under 1 year .. .. .                          | 9    |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births .. .. .             | 28   |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate births .. .. .       | 29.3 |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate births .. .. .     | —    |
| Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks)                     |      |
| per 1,000 live births .. .. .                                   | 18.5 |
| Early neo-natal mortality rate (first week)                     |      |
| per 1,000 live births .. .. .                                   | 15.4 |
| Perinatal mortality rate (still births and first week)          |      |
| per 1,000 live and still births .. .. .                         | 27   |
| Maternal deaths (including abortion) .. .. .                    | 0    |
| Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births .. .. . | —    |

## Deaths:

|  | <i>Total</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> |
|--|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Deaths .. .. .   | 187          | 98          | 89            |
| Death rate per 1,000 of estimated population .. .. .           |              |             | 10.6          |
| Death rate (corrected by comparability factor of 0.79) .. .. . |              |             | 8.4           |
| Death rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) .. .. .    |              |             | 11.2          |

# DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES, 1967

| Disease   | Male | Female |
|---|------|--------|
| Tuberculosis (respiratory) .. .. .              | 0    | 0      |
| Tuberculosis (other) .. .. .                    | 0    | 0      |
| Syphilitic disease .. .. .                      | 0    | 0      |
| Diphtheria .. .. .                              | 0    | 0      |
| Whooping cough .. .. .                          | 0    | 0      |
| Meningococcal infections .. .. .                | 0    | 0      |
| Acute poliomyelitis .. .. .                     | 0    | 0      |
| Measles .. .. .                                 | 0    | 0      |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases .. .. .  | 0    | 1      |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach .. .. .             | 3    | 1      |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus .. .. .      | 5    | 1      |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast .. .. .              | 0    | 5      |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus .. .. .              | 0    | 2      |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .. .. . | 11   | 12     |
| Luekæmia, aleukæmia .. .. .                     | 0    | 0      |
| Diabetes .. .. .                                | 1    | 1      |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system .. .. .      | 12   | 17     |
| Coronary disease, angina .. .. .                | 27   | 17     |
| Hypertension with heart disease .. .. .         | 0    | 0      |
| Other heart disease .. .. .                     | 4    | 8      |
| Other circulatory disease .. .. .               | 2    | 4      |
| Influenza .. .. .                               | 0    | 0      |
| Pneumonia .. .. .                               | 4    | 7      |
| Bronchitis .. .. .                              | 8    | 1      |
| Other diseases of respiratory system .. .. .    | 2    | 0      |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .. .. .           | 0    | 2      |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa .. .. .       | 0    | 1      |
| Nephritis and nephrosis .. .. .                 | 0    | 0      |
| Hyperplasia of prostate .. .. .                 | 3    | 0      |
| Pregnancy, childbrith, abortion .. .. .         | 0    | 0      |
| Congenital malformation .. .. .                 | 2    | 0      |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases .. .. .  | 10   | 7      |
| Motor vehicle accidents .. .. .                 | 1    | 0      |
| All other accidents .. .. .                     | 2    | 2      |
| Suicide .. .. .                                 | 1    | 0      |
| Homicide and operations of war .. .. .          | 0    | 0      |
| Totals ..                                       | 98   | 89     |



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

| Disease                              | Total Cases notified | Admitted to Hospital | Deaths |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Diphtheria .. .. .                   | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Dysentery .. .. .                    | 5                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Enteric Fever .. .. .                | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Erysipelas .. .. .                   | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Food Poisoning .. .. .               | 3                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Infectious Hepatitis .. .. .         | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Measles .. .. .                      | 236                  | 0                    | 0      |
| Meningococcal Infection .. .. .      | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis .. .. .  | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Paralytic Poliomyelitis .. .. .      | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Pneumonia .. .. .                    | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .            | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Scarlet Fever .. .. .                | 21                   | 0                    | 0      |
| Tuberculosis (Pulmonary) .. .. .     | 4                    | 4                    | 0      |
| Tuberculosis (Non-pulmonary) .. .. . | 0                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Whooping Cough .. .. .               | 5                    | 0                    | 0      |
| Totals ..                            | 274                  | 4                    | 0      |

Tuberculosis—New Cases Notified:

| Age Periods                   | Pulmonary |        | Non-Pulmonary |        |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------|
|                               | Male      | Female | Male          | Female |
| Under 1 year .. .. .          | 0         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 1 and under 5 years .. .. .   | 0         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 5 and under 10 years .. .. .  | 0         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 10 and under 15 years .. .. . | 0         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 15 and under 20 years .. .. . | 0         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 20 and under 25 years .. .. . | 0         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 25 and under 35 years .. .. . | 2         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 35 and under 45 years .. .. . | 0         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 45 and under 55 years .. .. . | 1         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 55 and under 65 years .. .. . | 0         | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| 65 years and upwards .. .. .  | 0         | 1      | 0             | 0      |
| Totals ..                     | 3         | 1      | 0             | 0      |

Transfers from other Districts: 0

Deaths from Tuberculosis: 0

# 1. FOOD

## (a) Food, Food Hygiene and Food Premises Inspections

Details of food premises in the District, and of inspections made by Public Health Inspectors of the food therein, the hygiene of the processes, and the structure and cleanliness of the premises were:—

| Type of Food Premises                       | No.<br>in<br>Dis-<br>trict | No.<br>of<br>Inspec-<br>tions | Having<br>wash hand<br>basins with<br>hot and<br>cold water<br>(Reg. 16) | Having<br>sink with<br>hot and<br>cold water<br>(Reg. 19) | Required<br>to have<br>sink with<br>hot and<br>cold water<br>(Reg. 19) |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Bakehouses .. .. .                          | 1                          | 0                             | 1  | 1   | 1  |
| Bread and Confectioners .. .. .             | 2                          | 3                             | 1  | 2   | 2  |
| Bread Distribution Depots .. .. .           | 1                          | 7                             | 1  | 1   | 1  |
| Dairies and Milk Distributors .. .. .       | 5                          | 8                             | 3  | 3   | 1  |
| Egg Packing Premises .. .. .                | 2                          | 5                             | 2  | 2   | 2  |
| Fish Shops and Fish Fryers .. .. .          | 2                          | 2                             | 1  | 2   | 2  |
| Game Dealers' Premises .. .. .              | 1                          | 3                             | —  | —   | 1  |
| General Provisions Shops .. .. .            | 54                         | 79                            | 26   | 23  | 54   |
| Greengrocers .. .. .                        | 1                          | 1                             | —  | —   | 1  |
| Ice Cream Premises (Registered) .. .. .     | 48                         | 20                            | 24   | —   | —  |
| Meat Products Premises (Registered) .. .. . | 10                         | 4                             | 8  | 10  | 10   |
| Meat Shops .. .. .                          | 10                         | 75                            | 8  | 9   | 10   |
| Poultry Processing Premises .. .. .         | 4                          | 47                            | —  | —   | 4  |
| Public Houses and Inns .. .. .              | 74                         | 80                            | 7  | 70  | 71   |
| Restaurants and Cafes .. .. .               | 11                         | 25                            | 6  | 10  | 11   |
| School Kitchens .. .. .                     | 21                         | 23                            | 13   | 21  | 21   |
| Slaughterhouses .. .. .                     | 1                          | 154                           | 1  | 1   | 1  |
| Street Vendors .. .. .                      | 7                          | 13                            | —  | —   | —  |
| Sweet Confectioners .. .. .                 | 4                          | 2                             | 3  | 1   | 3  |
| Works Canteens .. .. .                      | 5                          | 5                             | 4  | 5   | 5  |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .                       | 4                          | 1                             | 3  | 2   | 2  |
| Totals ..                                   | 268                        | 547                           | 112  | 163   | 203  |

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Food premises fully surveyed .. .. .  | 5  |
| Food poisoning investigations .. .. . | 2  |
| Informal notices served .. .. .       | 15 |
| Food premises improved .. .. .        | 15 |
| Food vehicles improved .. .. .        | 0  |

No Clean Food Guilds were inaugurated or existed during the year.

Food traders were co-operative in securing the hygienic handling and storage of food, but improvements in these matters are very dependent upon public opinion.

(b) Food Premises Improvements

| Type of Food Premises         | Structural Works | Decorations and Cleaning | Lighting and Ventilation | Cold Water Supply | Hot Water Supply | Washing Facilities |       | Food Storage and display | Refuse Storage Facilities | Drainage | Sanitary Accommodation | Name and Address Displayed | Wash Hand Notices Displayed | Totals |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                               |                  |                          |                          |                   |                  | Wash-hand Basins   | Sinks |                          |                           |          |                        |                            |                             |        |
| Game Dealers' Premises .. ..  | 1                | 1                        | 0                        | 0                 | 0                | 0                  | 0     | 0                        | 0                         | 0        | 0                      | 0                          | 0                           | 2      |
| General Provision Shops .. .. | 2                | 3                        | 3                        | 1                 | 1                | 3                  | 0     | 0                        | 0                         | 0        | 2                      | 0                          | 0                           | 15     |
| Meat Shops .. ..              | 0                | 0                        | 2                        | 0                 | 0                | 2                  | 0     | 0                        | 0                         | 0        | 2                      | 0                          | 0                           | 6      |
| Public Houses and Inns .. ..  | 0                | 1                        | 0                        | 3                 | 3                | 2                  | 1     | 0                        | 2                         | 1        | 1                      | 0                          | 0                           | 14     |
| School Kitchens .. ..         | 1                | 0                        | 0                        | 0                 | 0                | 0                  | 0     | 0                        | 0                         | 0        | 0                      | 0                          | 0                           | 1      |
| Totals ..                     | 4                | 5                        | 5                        | 4                 | 4                | 7                  | 1     | 0                        | 2                         | 1        | 5                      | 0                          | 0                           | 38     |

(c) Meat Inspection at Slaughterhouses

One slaughterhouse was licensed by the Council and used by two local butchers during the year. Slaughtering was carried out on three days per week. This regular slaughtering of animals at fixed times on fixed days was approved by the Council.

All animals slaughtered in the District were inspected in accordance with statutory requirements for fitness of the meat and offal for human consumption and, if passed, marked before leaving the slaughterhouse.

No specimens were submitted to the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for examination.

Charges for meat inspection of 2/6 per bovine animal, 9d. per calf or pig, and 6d. per sheep, lamb or goat remained in force.

Details of meat inspection carried out by Public Health Inspectors at the slaughterhouse are given in the following table:—



|  | Cattle<br>exclu-<br>ding<br>Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|--|----------------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|--------|
| No. Killed .. .. .   | 302                              | 0    | 3      | 334                   | 397  | 0      |
| No. Inspected .. .. .  | 302                              | 0    | 3      | 334                   | 397  | 0      |
| <i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>   |                                  |      |        |                       |      |        |
| (a) Whole carcase condemned ..   | 0                                | 0    | 0      | 0                     | 0    | 0      |
| (b) Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned ..  | 19                               | 0    | 0      | 1                     | 37   | 0      |
| (c) Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with dis-<br>ease other than tuberculosis<br>and cysticerci .. .. . | 6.29                             | 0    | 0      | 0.30                  | 9.32 | 0      |
| <i>Tuberculosis only</i>   |                                  |      |        |                       |      |        |
| (a) Whole carcasses condemned ..   | 0                                | 0    | 0      | 0                     | 0    | 0      |
| (b) Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned ..  | 0                                | 0    | 0      | 0                     | 1    | 0      |
| (c) Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with tuber-<br>culosis .. .. .                                      | 0                                | 0    | 0      | 0                     | 0.25 | 0      |
| <i>Cysticercosis</i>   |                                  |      |        |                       |      |        |
| (a) Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned ..  | 0                                | 0    | 0      | 0                     | 0    | 0      |
| (b) Carcasses submitted to treat-<br>ment by refrigeration ..  | 0                                | 0    | 0      | 0                     | 0    | 0      |
| (c) Generalised and totally con-<br>demned .. .. .   | 0                                | 0    | 0      | 0                     | 0    | 0      |

Licensed Slaughtermen: 5

#### (d) Poultry Inspection at Poultry Processing Premises

Four poultry processing premises were in operation during the year, and had a total weekly throughput of approximately 6,900 birds. Regular routine inspection by Public Health Inspectors for their fitness for human consumption was not practicable, but occasional examinations were made as possible.

#### (e) Milk and Dairies

The Council remained responsible for the registration of dairies other than dairy farms and of distributors, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the supervision of dairy farms. Dealers' licences were granted by the Essex County Council as Food and Drugs Authority, and permitted sales outside as well as inside the area of the licensing authority.

Bacteriological milk sampling and also routine sampling for biological examination for tubercle bacilli and brucella abortus was carried out by the Essex County Council. No herds with brucella abortus infection were notified by the County Council.

Eight inspections were made during the year of the 5 registered dairy premises.

#### (f) Liquid Egg Processing Premises

There were no liquid egg pasteurisation plants in the District, and no samples of liquid egg were submitted for the prescribed test.

#### (g) Ice Cream

There were no premises in the District registered for the manufacture of ice cream, but 48 premises were registered for the sale only of pre-packed ice cream.

No samples of ice cream and ice lollies were taken for bacteriological examination on account of the inability to obtain supplies of refrigerant locally.

### (h) General

Only five complaints were received during the year regarding unfit food, food handlers' unhygienic practices or uncleanly food premises, as follows:—

| Food                | Complaint  |
|---------------------|--|
| Cherry Maderia Cake | Mould  |
| Bottle of Milk      | Dirty Bottle   |
| Loaf of Bread       | Foreign objects. Identified as rust particles            |
| Pickled Red Cabbage | Mouldy and fermenting                                    |
| Bottle of Milk      | Foreign objects. Identified as insect larvae (fruit fly) |

In each case detailed investigations were carried out and appropriate informal action taken. There is, however, a well known marked reticence on the part of the public generally in making official complaints regarding these matters. Public apathy and willingness to accept lower than desirable standards does hinder progress.

No prosecutions regarding food or food premises were instituted during the year.

The County Council as Food and Drugs Authority were responsible for the taking of samples for chemical analysis of food and drugs, milk, ice cream, etc.

### (i) Unsound Food

It was not necessary to make any seizures of food. Vendors co-operated satisfactorily in reporting suspected food, which resulted in the following commodities being voluntarily surrendered:—

|              |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |          |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|
| Beef         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 219 lbs. |
| Pork         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 120 lbs. |
| Mutton       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7 lbs.   |
| Tinned Foods | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 103 lbs. |
| Total ..     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 449 lbs. |

This condemned food was stained and disposed of by burial in deep refuse pits.

No special examinations of whole stocks or consignments of food were necessary during the year.

## 2. WATER

The water supply of the area was satisfactory both in respect of quality and quantity although from 16th April to 30th September it was necessary to prohibit the use of hosepipes for gardens, car-washing, etc. Restrictions on the number of houses to be built were continued on account of shortage of water in North-East Essex generally. The Council's own District Water Scheme borewell supply was chlorinated and softened, and none of the public mains supplies had a plumbo-solvent action.

Ministerial approval was received in January for a booster pump at Steeple Bumpstead, but the remainder of the proposed improvements for mains water supply to Steeple Bumpstead and Helions Bumpstead were deferred on account of capital expenditure restrictions. Work was completed on the Little Maplestead to Earls Colne main which came into use in July, and which increased pressure in the Colne Engaine and Earls Colne areas. The temporary use of the old borewell at Earls Colne was thereafter discontinued. Works commenced on a new 6-in. main from Monks Hill, Steeple Bumpstead reservoir to Lily Corner, Steeple Bumpstead in December for which Ministerial approval had previously been given in May 1967. A main extension at Park Lane, Gosfield was carried out by direct labour.



The water consumption in the District from public piped mains supplies was estimated to be 36.7 gallons per head per day. This is based upon the Council's Water Engineer's calculations of:—

- (a) Estimated population served . . . . . 15,600
- (b) Water supplied during year from:—
  - (1) Council's District Water Scheme borewell . . . . . 195,477,000 gallons
  - (2) West Suffolk Water Board mains . . . . . 201,000 gallons
  - (3) Colchester and District Water Board mains . . . . . 11,068,000 gallons
  - (4) Lee Valley Water Company mains . . . . . 11,102,000 gallons
  - (5) Halstead Urban District Council mains . . . . . 1,579,000 gallons
- (c) Bulk supplies from Council's District Water Scheme to Halstead Urban District Council of 3,307,000 gallons and to West Suffolk Water Board of 6,471,000 gallons.

As routine procedure samples of the District Water Scheme supply were submitted for bacteriological laboratory examination monthly, and samples of all other mains water supplies quarterly. The District Water Scheme samples included some of raw water direct from the borewell. Samples for chemical analysis were also taken.

In November the Ministry of Housing and Local Government requested an investigation into lead in drinking water. Though chemical analysis of supplies in the Rural District over a long period had revealed no lead present in the waters, a number of samples of water which had laid in lead pipes overnight were taken with particular reference to plumbo-solvency, and the results of these tests were satisfactory.

During the year 192 premises were connected to the water mains and the following work was carried out by your Public Health Inspectors:—

- (a) Inspections regarding water supplies . . . . . 92
- (b) Statutory Notices served re water supplies . . . . . 0
- (c) Informal Notices served re water supplies . . . . . 6
- (d) Wells improved following informal action . . . . . 0
- (e) Samples of water submitted for bacteriological and chemical examination. Details of these are given in the following table . . . . . 55

| Source                        | No. of Samples | Wholesome | Below Standard |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Public Water Mains . . . . .  | 38             | 37        | 1              |
| Private Water Mains . . . . . | 17             | 16        | 1              |
| Public Wells, etc. . . . .    | 0              | 0         | 0              |
| Private Wells, etc. . . . .   | 0              | 0         | 0              |
| Totals . . . . .              | 55             | 53        | 2              |

(f) Samples of water examined for Chlorine content: 10

Public Swimming Baths

There were no public swimming baths in the District. Part of Gosfield Lake continued in use as a public bathing pool. During the bathing season two samples were taken for chemical analysis and bacteriological examination which showed the water to be of a somewhat inferior organic quality, showing a yellowish-green opalescence and deposit due largely to a growth of algae. The degree of bacteriological impurity was considered very moderate for a natural water used for bathing.



Typical Chemical Analyses of Public and Private Mains Water Supplies in the District, given in parts per million, are shown in the following table:

| Examination<br>For               | Supply                  |                         |                                   |   |   |  |                                       |                             |                                    |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                  | Public                  |                         |                                   |   | Private                                       |  |                                       |                             |                                    |
|                                  | Halstead R.D.C.         |                         | West<br>Suffolk<br>Water<br>Board | Colchester<br>and District<br>Water Board | Lee Valley<br>Water<br>Company<br>(Hempstead) | George<br>Courtauld<br>Farms Ltd.<br>C'line Engine | R. Hunt &<br>Co. Ltd.,<br>Earls Colne | Paines<br>Manor,<br>Pentlow | Rippers Ltd.<br>Sible<br>Hedingham |
|                                  | Earls Colne<br>Borewell | Gt. Yeldh'm<br>Borewell |                                   |   |   |  |                                       |                             |                                    |
| Turbidity .. .. .                | Less than 3             | Nil                     | Nil                               | Less than 3                               | Nil   | Less than 3  | Less than 3                           | Less than 3                 | Nil                                |
| Colour .. .. .                   | Nil                     | Nil                     | Nil                               | Nil                                       | Nil   | Nil  | Nil                                   | Nil                         | Nil                                |
| Odour .. .. .                    | Nil                     | Nil                     | Nil                               | Nil                                       | Nil   | Nil  | Nil                                   | Nil                         | Nil                                |
| pH .. .. .                       | 7.2                     | 9.4                     | 7.2                               | 7.5                                       | 7.3   | 7.6  | 7.7                                   | 7.2                         | 7.4                                |
| Free Carbon Dioxide .. .. .      | 34                      | Absent                  | 37                                | 22  | 28  | 15   | 10                                    | 40                          | 24                                 |
| Electric Conductivity .. .. .    | 670                     | 500                     | 890                               | 870                                       | 570   | 800  | 950                                   | 660                         | 590                                |
| Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C. | 445                     | 350                     | 676                               | 587                                       | 400   | 530  | 640                                   | 450                         | 420                                |
| Chlorine present as Chloride ..  | 43                      | 66                      | 40                                | 118                                       | 18  | 106  | 160                                   | 27                          | 33                                 |
| Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate  | 275                     | 45                      | 315                               | 295                                       | 265   | 285  | 240                                   | 325                         | 265                                |
| Hardness: Total .. .. .          | 310                     | 155                     | 545                               | 320                                       | 325   | 270  | 190                                   | 360                         | 320                                |
| Carbonate (Temporary) .. .. .    | 275                     | 45                      | 315                               | 295                                       | 265   | 270  | 190                                   | 330                         | 265                                |
| Non-Carbonate (Permanent)        | 35                      | 110                     | 230                               | 25  | 60  | 0  | 0                                     | 30                          | 55                                 |
| Nitrate Nitrogen .. .. .         | 0.3                     | 1.4                     | 1.4                               | 0.3                                       | 4.0   | 0.8  | 1.4                                   | 1.1                         | 1.2                                |
| Nitrite Nitrogen .. .. .         | 0.01                    | 0.01                    | Absent                            | Absent                                    | Absent  | Absent   | 0.01                                  | 0.01                        | 0.00                               |
| Ammoniacal Nitrogen .. .. .      | 0.27                    | 0.25                    | 0.03                              | 0.09                                      | 0.01  | 0.02   | 0.06                                  | 0.01                        | 0.01                               |
| Albuminoid Nitrogen .. .. .      | 0.00                    | 0.00                    | 0.13                              | 0.01                                      | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00                                  | 0.00                        | 0.00                               |
| Oxygen Absorbed .. .. .          | 0.00                    | 0.16                    | 0.13                              | 0.25                                      | 0.00  | 0.25   | 0.00                                  | 0.10                        | 0.00                               |
| Residual Chlorine .. .. .        | Absent                  | 0.19                    | Absent                            | Absent                                    | Absent  | Absent   | Absent                                | Absent                      | Absent                             |
| Metals: Iron .. .. .             | 0.45                    | 0.05                    | 0.10                              | 0.32                                      | Absent  | 0.25   | 0.02                                  | 0.11                        | Absent                             |
| Zinc .. .. .                     | Absent                  | Absent                  | Absent                            | Absent                                    | Absent  | Absent   | Absent                                | 5.4                         | 0.2                                |
| Copper, Lead .. .. .             | Absent                  | Absent                  | Absent                            | Absent                                    | Absent  | Absent   | Absent                                | Absent                      | Absent                             |
| Fluoride .. .. .                 | —                       | 0.5                     | 0.1                               | 0.6                                       | 0.1   | 1.0  | 2.3                                   | 0.1                         | 0.1                                |

### 3. AIR POLLUTION

#### (a) New Furnace and Chimney Installations

|     |  |   |
|-----|--|---|
| (1) | Notices submitted with plans and specifications of proposals to install furnaces and chimneys to which the Clean Air Act applies.. | 0 |
| (2) | Approvals granted of such plans and specifications for the purposes of the Clean Air Act .. .. .                                   | 0 |

#### (b) Air Pollution Nuisances

|     |                        |   |
|-----|------------------------|---|
| (1) | Investigations .. .. . | 5 |
| (2) | Confirmed .. .. .      | 1 |
| (3) | Abated .. .. .         | 0 |

No smoke control areas were declared by the Council or confirmed by the Minister during the year.

### 4. HOUSING

#### (a) Housing Inspections

|     |   |     |
|-----|---|-----|
| (1) | Inspections regarding disrepair and sanitary defects .. ..    | 375 |
| (2) | Houses fully surveyed and recorded .. ..                      | 69  |
| (3) | Inspections regarding reconditioning .. ..                    | 328 |
| (4) | Inspections regarding overcrowding .. ..                      | 5   |
| (5) | Inspections regarding Certificates of Disrepair .. ..         | 0   |
| (6) | Inspections of camping grounds .. ..                          | 2   |
| (7) | Inspections of moveable dwellings .. ..                       | 62  |
| (8) | Miscellaneous Housing inspections .. ..                       | 473 |
| (9) | Investigations of applications for Council house tenancies .. | 0   |

#### (b) Housing Notices

|     |  |    |
|-----|--|----|
| (1) | Informal Notices served regarding disrepair and defects .. ..                          | 10 |
| (2) | Statutory Notices served under Housing Act regarding disrepair and defects .. ..       | 0  |
| (3) | Statutory Notices served under Public Health Act regarding disrepair and defects .. .. | 0  |

Property owners responded satisfactorily to informal procedure requesting the repair and improvement of dwelling houses.

#### (c) Unfit Houses

|     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| (1) | Houses Officially Reported Unfit to Council under Housing Act..          | 39  |
| (2) | (a) Undertakings accepted (i) to make fit for human habitation..         | 1   |
|     | (ii) not to use for human habitation ..                                  | 0   |
|     | (b) Undertakings cancelled .. ..   | 5   |
|     | (c) Accumulated total of outstanding Undertakings (Dec. 1967)            |     |
|     | (i) to make fit for human habitation..                                   | 4   |
|     | (ii) not to use for human habitation ..                                  | 28  |
| (3) | (a) Closing Orders made .. ..  | 6   |
|     | (b) Closing Orders determined .. ..                                      | 0   |
|     | (c) Accumulated total of outstanding Closing Orders (Dec. 1967)          | 104 |
| (4) | (a) Demolition Orders made .. ..   | 26  |
|     | (b) Demolition Orders revoked .. ..                                      | 12  |
|     | (c) Accumulated total of outstanding Demolition Orders (Dec. 1967) .. .. | 151 |

#### (d) Slum Clearance Proposals

Details of the Council's ten years' Slum Clearance Proposals are given in the following tables which show:—

- (1) the approved proposals,
- (2) the year-by-year progress made,
- (3) the position at 31st December, 1967.
- (4) occupation of unfit houses in parish detail.

(1)

| Years   | Total Houses in District<br>Unfit for Human Habitation      |
|---------|---|
| 1956-65 | 587<br>(including 198 remaining from<br>previous proposals) |
| 1966-75 | 598<br>(including 313 remaining from<br>1956-65 proposals)  |

(2)

| Year   | Houses Reported Unfit | Undertakings Accepted | Closing Orders Made | Demolition Orders Made | Houses Made Fit | Houses Demolished | Council House<br>Rehousing |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1956   | 40                    | 20                    | 0                   | 51                     | 7               | 25                | 12                         |
| 1957   | 52                    | 6                     | 0                   | 38                     | 15              | 27                | 8                          |
| 1958   | 48                    | 3                     | 17                  | 23                     | 8               | 36                | 18                         |
| 1959   | 55                    | 5                     | 3                   | 32                     | 10              | 25                | 19                         |
| 1960   | 60                    | 8                     | 26                  | 29                     | 12              | 22                | 21                         |
| 1961   | 43                    | 6                     | 11                  | 33                     | 16              | 17                | 11                         |
| 1962   | 65                    | 0                     | 13                  | 27                     | 15              | 29                | 17                         |
| 1963   | 62                    | 1                     | 22                  | 45                     | 14              | 37                | 9                          |
| 1964   | 18                    | 5                     | 6                   | 17                     | 10              | 33                | 12                         |
| 1965   | 83                    | 0                     | 13                  | 31                     | 29              | 28                | 10                         |
| 1966   | 15                    | 4                     | 11                  | 11                     | 15              | 12                | 15                         |
| 1967   | 39                    | 1                     | 6                   | 26                     | 18              | 20                | 4                          |
| Totals | 580                   | 59                    | 128                 | 363                    | 169             | 311               | 156                        |

(3)

| Unfit Houses Reported to<br>Council and made subject to |                |                   |                | Unfit Houses<br>Awaiting Report to<br>Council |
|---|----------------|-------------------|----------------|---|
| Undertakings  | Closing Orders | Demolition Orders | Action Pending |   |
| 32  | 104            | 151               | 8              | 232   |



(4)

| Parish                         | Occupied Houses<br>subject to |                |                   |                | Vacant Houses<br>subject to |                |                   |                | Total<br>Houses |        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|
|                                | Undertakings                  | Closing Orders | Demolition Orders | Action Pending | Undertakings                | Closing Orders | Demolition Orders | Action Pending | Occupied        | Vacant |
| Alphamstone                    | 0                             | 0              | 1                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 5                 | 0              | 1               | 5      |
| Ashen                          | 1                             | 2              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 1              | 0                 | 0              | 3               | 1      |
| Belchamp Otten                 | 0                             | 0              | 1                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 3                 | 0              | 1               | 3      |
| Belchamp St. Paul              | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 4                 | 0              | 0               | 4      |
| Belchamp Walter                | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0               | 0      |
| Birdbrook                      | 0                             | 9              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 1              | 0                 | 0              | 9               | 1      |
| Borley                         | 0                             | 0              | 1                 | 0              | 0                           | 2              | 0                 | 0              | 1               | 2      |
| Bulmer                         | 0                             | 7              | 1                 | 0              | 2                           | 4              | 0                 | 0              | 8               | 6      |
| Bures Hamlet                   | 0                             | 4              | 1                 | 0              | 0                           | 1              | 2                 | 0              | 5               | 3      |
| Castle Hedingham               | 1                             | 4              | 5                 | 1              | 2                           | 3              | 4                 | 1              | 11              | 10     |
| Colne Engaine                  | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 1              | 0               | 1      |
| Earls Colne                    | 0                             | 0              | 3                 | 0              | 0                           | 3              | 13                | 0              | 3               | 16     |
| Foxearth                       | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0               | 0      |
| Gestingthorpe                  | 0                             | 0              | 3                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 8                 | 0              | 3               | 8      |
| Gosfield                       | 0                             | 2              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 2               | 0      |
| Great Henny                    | 0                             | 1              | 3                 | 0              | 0                           | 1              | 3                 | 0              | 4               | 4      |
| Great Maplestead               | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 2                 | 0              | 0               | 2      |
| Great Yeldham                  | 0                             | 2              | 0                 | 0              | 1                           | 6              | 5                 | 0              | 2               | 12     |
| Halstead Rural                 | 1                             | 0              | 4                 | 0              | 1                           | 0              | 2                 | 0              | 5               | 3      |
| Helions Bumpstead              | 1                             | 1              | 4                 | 0              | 0                           | 3              | 2                 | 2              | 6               | 7      |
| Lamarsh                        | 0                             | 4              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 2                 | 0              | 4               | 2      |
| Liston                         | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0               | 0      |
| Little Henny                   | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0               | 0      |
| Little Maplestead              | 0                             | 0              | 1                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 1               | 0      |
| Little Yeldham                 | 2                             | 1              | 1                 | 0              | 0                           | 1              | 1                 | 0              | 4               | 2      |
| Middleton                      | 0                             | 0              | 2                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 2               | 0      |
| Ovington                       | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 3                 | 0              | 0               | 3      |
| Pebmarsh                       | 0                             | 0              | 3                 | 0              | 2                           | 0              | 3                 | 0              | 3               | 5      |
| Pentlow                        | 0                             | 2              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 2               | 0      |
| Ridgewell                      | 0                             | 3              | 0                 | 0              | 1                           | 2              | 3                 | 0              | 3               | 6      |
| Sible Hedingham                | 0                             | 11             | 12                | 0              | 3                           | 11             | 8                 | 2              | 23              | 24     |
| Stambourne                     | 0                             | 1              | 5                 | 0              | 0                           | 1              | 3                 | 0              | 6               | 4      |
| St. Bumpstead                  | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 2                           | 0              | 2                 | 0              | 0               | 4      |
| Sturmer                        | 0                             | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0               | 0      |
| Tilbury-juxta-Clare            | 2                             | 6              | 0                 | 0              | 3                           | 1              | 0                 | 0              | 8               | 4      |
| Toppesfield                    | 0                             | 0              | 7                 | 1              | 0                           | 0              | 5                 | 0              | 8               | 5      |
| Twinstead                      | 2                             | 1              | 2                 | 0              | 0                           | 1              | 4                 | 0              | 5               | 5      |
| White Colne                    | 0                             | 0              | 1                 | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 1                 | 0              | 1               | 1      |
| Wickham St. Paul               | 2                             | 1              | 1                 | 0              | 3                           | 0              | 1                 | 0              | 4               | 4      |
| Totals:                        | 12                            | 62             | 62                | 2              | 20                          | 42             | 89                | 6              | 138             | 157    |
| Total Houses<br>Owner-Occupied | 6                             | 29             | 25                | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 60              | 0      |

(e) Housing Improvements

|     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| (1) | Houses reconditioned or repaired following informal action by Public Health Inspectors .. .. . | 116 |
| (2) | Houses fully reconditioned to the "Twelve Points Standard" ..                                  | 33  |
| (3) | Houses repaired following Statutory Housing Act Notices .. ..                                  | 0   |
| (4) | Houses repaired following Statutory Public Health Act Notices ..                               | 0   |
| (5) | Houses reconditioned following Statutory Housing Act Orders ..                                 | 18  |
| (6) | Houses demolished following Statutory Demolition Orders under Housing Act .. .. .              | 20  |

(f) Housing Improvement Grants

|     |   |    |
|-----|---|----|
| (1) | Applications for Discretionary Improvement Grants .. .. | 14 |
| (2) | Discretionary Improvement Grants approved .. ..         | 14 |
| (3) | Schemes completed .. .. .                               | 9  |

Details regarding Discretionary Improvement Grants are given in the following tables:—

| Year   | Applications |          |                | Completions |            |    |   |
|--------|--------------|----------|----------------|-------------|------------|----|---|
|        | Received     | Approved | Grant Approved | No.         | Grant Paid |    |   |
| 1949   | 1            | 0        | —              | —           | —          |    |   |
| 1950   | 9            | 0        | —              | —           | —          |    |   |
| 1951   | 1            | 0        | —              | —           | —          |    |   |
| 1952   | 0            | 0        | —              | —           | —          |    |   |
| 1953   | 7            | 2        | £400 0 0       | 1           | £200       | 0  | 0 |
| 1954   | 19           | 18       | £4,093 10 0    | 4           | £740       | 0  | 0 |
| 1955   | 49           | 48       | £11,113 0 0    | 20          | £5,726     | 10 | 0 |
| 1956   | 49           | 48       | £13,322 0 0    | 38          | £7,746     | 0  | 0 |
| 1957   | 46           | 46       | £12,414 0 0    | 40          | £10,868    | 0  | 0 |
| 1958   | 36           | 34       | £9,560 0 0     | 45          | £12,174    | 0  | 0 |
| 1959   | 50           | 50       | £13,716 0 0    | 32          | £8,661     | 0  | 0 |
| 1960   | 24           | 23       | £7,503 0 0     | 43          | £12,233    | 0  | 0 |
| 1961   | 42           | 42       | £13,567 0 0    | 24          | £8,237     | 0  | 0 |
| 1962   | 31           | 30       | £9,677 0 0     | 33          | £10,534    | 0  | 0 |
| 1963   | 26           | 25       | £8,085 0 0     | 19          | £6,033     | 0  | 0 |
| 1964   | 22           | 22       | £6,194 0 0     | 14          | £4,527     | 0  | 0 |
| 1965   | 15           | 15       | £4,326 0 0     | 19          | £5,865     | 0  | 0 |
| 1966   | 11           | 11       | £4,208 0 0     | 20          | £5,913     | 0  | 0 |
| 1967   | 14           | 14       | £5,015 0 0     | 9           | £3,009     | 0  | 0 |
| Totals | 452          | 428      | £123,193 10 0  | 361         | £102,466   | 10 | 0 |

| Year         | Houses Occupied by   |               |        | Totals |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|--------|--------|
|              | Agricultural Workers | Other Tenants | Owners |        |
| 1949 to 1953 | 1                    | 1             | 0      | 2      |
| 1954         | 9                    | 6             | 3      | 18     |
| 1955         | 16                   | 24            | 8      | 48     |
| 1956         | 21                   | 11            | 16     | 48     |
| 1957         | 27                   | 11            | 8      | 46     |
| 1958         | 20                   | 6             | 8      | 34     |
| 1959         | 23                   | 12            | 15     | 50     |
| 1960         | 6                    | 5             | 12     | 23     |
| 1961         | 20                   | 8             | 14     | 42     |
| 1962         | 12                   | 6             | 12     | 30     |
| 1963         | 7                    | 8             | 10     | 25     |
| 1964         | 5                    | 11            | 6      | 22     |
| 1965         | 5                    | 5             | 5      | 15     |
| 1966         | 2                    | 1             | 8      | 11     |
| 1967         | 0                    | 5             | 9      | 14     |
| Totals       | 174                  | 120           | 134    | 428    |

|  |    |    |    |    |    |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|
| (4) Applications for Standard Grants.. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 |
| (5) Standard Grants approved           | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 |
| (6) Schemes completed ..               | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6  |

Details regarding Standard Grants are given in the following tables:—

| Year   | Applications |          |                        | Completions |                          |              |
|--------|--------------|----------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|        | Received     | Approved | Maximum Grant Approved | No.         | Amount of Standard Grant |              |
|        |              |          |                        |             | Maximum Approved         | Actual Paid  |
| 1959   | 15           | 15       | £1,855                 | 0           | —                        | —            |
| 1960   | 43           | 43       | £5,920                 | 14          | £1,725                   | £1,563 14 0  |
| 1961   | 25           | 25       | £3,570                 | 24          | £2,990                   | £2,679 13 7  |
| 1962   | 7            | 7        | £1,045                 | 17          | £2,480                   | £2,378 11 1  |
| 1963   | 16           | 14       | £2,020                 | 14          | £2,060                   | £1,875 9 4   |
| 1964   | 11           | 11       | £1,500                 | 12          | £1,750                   | £1,577 0 3   |
| 1965   | 15           | 15       | £2,346                 | 11          | £1,495                   | £1,480 9 0   |
| 1966   | 5            | 5        | £900                   | 13          | £2,241                   | £2,082 0 0   |
| 1967   | 14           | 14       | £2,329                 | 6           | £926                     | £895 14 11   |
| Totals | 151          | 149      | £21,485                | 111         | £15,667                  | £13,532 12 2 |

| Year   | Houses Occupied by   |               |        | Totals |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|--------|--------|
|        | Agricultural Workers | Other Tenants | Owners |        |
| 1959   | 0                    | 4             | 11     | 15     |
| 1960   | 18                   | 5             | 20     | 43     |
| 1961   | 8                    | 3             | 14     | 25     |
| 1962   | 2                    | 0             | 5      | 7      |
| 1963   | 1                    | 6             | 7      | 14     |
| 1964   | 4                    | 0             | 7      | 11     |
| 1965   | 1                    | 3             | 11     | 15     |
| 1966   | 1                    | 0             | 4      | 5      |
| 1967   | 0                    | 5             | 9      | 14     |
| Totals | 35                   | 26            | 88     | 149    |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| (7) Loans approved by Council for Repairing or Improving Houses.. | 1 |
|---|---|



Parish distribution of Discretionary Improvement Grants, Standard Grants and Financial Loans for repairing or improving houses, is given in the following table:—

| Parish                    | Discretionary<br>Improvement<br>Grants | Standard<br>Grants | Repair/<br>Improvement<br>Loans | Totals |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Alphamstone .. ..         | 2                                      | 2                  | 0                               | 4      |
| Ashen .. ..               | 11                                     | 2                  | 0                               | 13     |
| Belchamp Otten .. ..      | 6                                      | 4                  | 1                               | 11     |
| Belchamp St. Paul .. ..   | 13                                     | 3                  | 0                               | 16     |
| Belchamp Walter .. ..     | 11                                     | 3                  | 0                               | 14     |
| Birdbrook .. ..           | 8                                      | 4                  | 0                               | 12     |
| Borley .. ..              | 1                                      | 3                  | 0                               | 4      |
| Bulmer .. ..              | 7                                      | 13                 | 0                               | 20     |
| Bures Hamlet .. ..        | 4                                      | 11                 | 0                               | 15     |
| Castle Hedingham .. ..    | 16                                     | 3                  | 0                               | 19     |
| Colne Engaine .. ..       | 42                                     | 6                  | 11                              | 59     |
| Earls Colne .. ..         | 46                                     | 9                  | 0                               | 55     |
| Foxearth .. ..            | 9                                      | 5                  | 1                               | 15     |
| Gestingthorpe .. ..       | 8                                      | 2                  | 1                               | 11     |
| Gosfield .. ..            | 30                                     | 6                  | 0                               | 36     |
| Great Henny .. ..         | 5                                      | 0                  | 2                               | 7      |
| Great Maplestead .. ..    | 9                                      | 0                  | 1                               | 10     |
| Great Yeldham .. ..       | 13                                     | 6                  | 0                               | 19     |
| Halstead Rural .. ..      | 50                                     | 14                 | 0                               | 64     |
| Helions Bumpstead .. ..   | 14                                     | 2                  | 0                               | 16     |
| Lamarsh .. ..             | 1                                      | 2                  | 0                               | 3      |
| Liston .. ..              | 0                                      | 0                  | 0                               | 0      |
| Little Henny .. ..        | 1                                      | 0                  | 0                               | 1      |
| Little Maplestead .. ..   | 5                                      | 4                  | 0                               | 9      |
| Little Yeldham .. ..      | 4                                      | 1                  | 0                               | 5      |
| Middleton .. ..           | 3                                      | 2                  | 0                               | 5      |
| Ovington .. ..            | 3                                      | 4                  | 0                               | 7      |
| Pebmarsh .. ..            | 12                                     | 2                  | 0                               | 14     |
| Pentlow .. ..             | 3                                      | 0                  | 0                               | 3      |
| Ridgewell .. ..           | 3                                      | 4                  | 1                               | 8      |
| Sible Hedingham .. ..     | 37                                     | 13                 | 4                               | 54     |
| Stambourne .. ..          | 4                                      | 0                  | 0                               | 4      |
| Steeple Bumpstead .. ..   | 14                                     | 9                  | 0                               | 23     |
| Sturmer .. ..             | 4                                      | 2                  | 0                               | 6      |
| Tilbury-juxta-Clare .. .. | 3                                      | 0                  | 0                               | 3      |
| Toppesfield .. ..         | 10                                     | 5                  | 1                               | 16     |
| Twinstead .. ..           | 3                                      | 0                  | 1                               | 4      |
| White Colne .. ..         | 12                                     | 1                  | 0                               | 13     |
| Wickham St. Paul .. ..    | 1                                      | 2                  | 0                               | 3      |
| Totals ..                 | 428                                    | 149                | 24                              | 601    |

(g) **Rent Act**

|     |  |    |    |    |    |   |
|-----|--|----|----|----|----|---|
| (1) | Applications for Certificates of Disrepair                         | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| (2) | Decisions to issue Certificates                                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| (3) | Undertakings given by Landlords                                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| (4) | Certificates of Disrepair issued                                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| (5) | Applications for cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair         | .. |    |    |    | 0 |
| (6) | Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair | .. |    |    |    | 0 |
| (7) | Certificates of Disrepair cancelled                                | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |

(h) **Housing Overcrowding**

|     |   |    |    |    |   |
|-----|---|----|----|----|---|
| (1) | Overcrowded houses existing December, 1966                  | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| (2) | Overcrowded houses found during 1967                        | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| (3) | Overcrowded houses relieved during 1967                     | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| (4) | Overcrowded houses existing December, 1967                  | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| (5) | Informal Notices served regarding abatement of overcrowding | .. |    |    | 0 |

(i) **Caravan Sites**

At the end of the year one caravan site licence for 58 caravans had been granted and there were 29 individual licensed caravan sites in the District. Most were used as permanent residences.

(j) **Miscellaneous Housing Matters**

During the year 59 houses were built by private enterprise. Fourteen houses, 26 two-bedroom bungalows, and 4 two-bedroom flats were built by the Council. Eighty-six existing Council houses were variously improved to present day standards of amenity by the provision of bathrooms, internal water closets, hot water supplies, improved drainage systems, etc.

Houses owned by the Council at the end of the year from information supplied by the Council's Housing Officer were:—

|           |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Pre-war.  | Houses  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 434 |
| Post-war. | Houses and Bungalows  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 935 |
|           | (including 7 temporary prefabricated bungalows)             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|           | Flats and flatlets  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 60  |
|           | (1 block of 20, 1 block of 16, 1 block of 12, 1 block of 8, |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|           | 1 block of 4)   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |

Houses sold by Council to tenants:—

|     |                              |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----|------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| (a) | During 1967                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0  |
| (b) | Total                        | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21 |
|     | (11 pre-war and 10 post-war) |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

There were no registered Common Lodging Houses nor unsatisfactory Houses in Multiple Occupation in the District.

## 5. PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

### (a) Factories

#### (1) Inspections and Notices

| Premises   | Number on Register | Number of   |                 |                      |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|  |                    | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..                    | 6                  | 10          | 0               | 0                    |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..                    | 49                 | 26          | 2               | 0                    |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) .. | —                  | 5           | 0               | 0                    |
| .. ..  | 55                 | 41          | 2               | 0                    |

#### (2) Defects Found and Remedied

| Particulars   | No. of cases in which defects were |          |                   |                   | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
|   | Found                              | Remedied | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector |  |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1)   | 0                                  | 0        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |
| Overcrowding (S.2) ..   | 0                                  | 0        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) .. ..  | 0                                  | 0        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .. ..  | 0                                  | 2        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .. ..  | 0                                  | 0        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)   |                                    |          |                   |                   |  |
| (a) Insufficient ..   | 2                                  | 1        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective ..  | 0                                  | 1        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |
| (c) Not separate for sexes .. ..  | 0                                  | 1        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) .. .. | 0                                  | 0        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |
| Totals ..   | 2                                  | 5        | 0                 | 0                 | 0  |



### (3) Outworkers

| Nature of Outwork            | Section 133  |   |   | Section 134                                      |                |              | Inspections |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|--|----------------|--------------|-------------|
|                              | No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |             |
| Wearing apparel—Making, etc. | 9  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0              | 0            | 14          |
| Carbon Jig Assembly          | 5  |   |   |  |                |              |             |

#### (b) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises

During the year only seven new premises were registered, and with the exception of one which was registered on the 27th December, 1967, all received a general inspection.

No serious contraventions were observed. Eight informal notices were served in respect of various contraventions found during routine inspections, and 19 informal notices were complied with.

One non-fatal accident involving a brewery warehouse worker was reported. No applications were received for exemption from the provisions relating to room space for employees, temperature, sanitary conveniences and running water supply to washing facilities.

The following tables give details of:—

- (1) Premises registered and inspections.
- (2) Contraventions.
- (3) Improvements following informal action taken by Public Health Inspectors.

TABLE 1 PREMISES REGISTERED AND INSPECTIONS

| Class of Premises  | Premises registered during year | Registered premises at end of year | Registered premises general inspection | Total visits of all kinds | Persons Employed |              |               |              |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|  |                                 |                                    |  |                           | Male             |              | Female        |              |
|  |                                 |                                    |  |                           | Under 18 yrs.    | Over 18 yrs. | Under 18 yrs. | Over 18 yrs. |
| Offices .. .. .  | 1                               | 15                                 | 1                                      | 23                        | —                | 40           | —             | 22           |
| Retail Shops .. .. .   | 3                               | 41                                 | 3                                      | 123                       | 2                | 34           | 9             | 70           |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses .. .. .                          | 2                               | 4                                  | 2                                      | 11                        | —                | 58           | —             | 1            |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens .. .. . | 1                               | 8                                  | 0                                      | 22                        | 1                | 4            | —             | 15           |
| Fuel storage depots .. .. .                                  | 0                               | 3                                  | 0                                      | 6                         | —                | 11           | —             | —            |
| Totals ..  | 7                               | 71                                 | 6                                      | 185                       | 3                | 147          | 9             | 108          |





(c) Miscellaneous

| Premises   | No. in District | Inspections |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Places of Entertainment .. .. .                        | 45              | 2           |
| Schools .. .. .  | 25              | 44          |
| Certificates of Exemption granted (shops) .. .. .      |                 | 0           |
| Certificates of Exemption (shops) in operation .. .. . |                 | 0           |

6. WASTE MATTERS

(a) Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Public Sewerage and Sewage Disposal was part of the duties of your Engineer and Surveyor.

Comprehensive sewerage and sewage disposal schemes served 14 parishes (Birdbrook (Baythorn End), Bures Hamlet, Castle Hedingham, Colne Engaine, Earls Colne, Foxearth, Gosfield, Great Yeldham, Halstead Rural (Greenstead Green), Pebmarsh, Ridgewell, Sible Hedingham, Steeple Bumpstead and Toppesfield). In addition eight small public sewers and sewage disposal works for Council houses and nearby private properties served parts of the parishes of Bulmer, Gestingthorpe, Great Maplestead, Helions Bumpstead, Little Yeldham, Pentlow, Sible Hedingham and Wickham St. Paul.

Works were completed on the new sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for Foxearth which came into operation in January. A scheme for the extension of Gosfield sewage disposal works was completed in October.

Properties connected to the new sewers completed during the past seven years, expressed as a percentage of properties capable of connection were:—

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Birdbrook (Baythorn End) .. .. .          | 100% |
| Castle Hedingham .. .. .                  | 99%  |
| Colne Engaine .. .. .                     | 94%  |
| Foxearth .. .. .                          | 96%  |
| Gosfield .. .. .                          | 98%  |
| Great Yeldham .. .. .                     | 89%  |
| Halstead Rural (Greenstead Green) .. .. . | 98%  |
| Pebmarsh .. .. .                          | 78%  |
| Ridgewell .. .. .                         | 83%  |
| Sible Hedingham .. .. .                   | 88%  |
| Toppesfield .. .. .                       | 91%  |

In October a scheme for the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal works for Belchamp St. Paul received Ministerial approval. A scheme for improvements and extension to the sewerage and sewage disposal works serving Castle and Sible Hedingham and Great Yeldham awaited Ministerial approval at the end of the year. Sewerage and sewage disposal schemes for the parishes of Earls Colne, Sturmer, Steeple Bumpstead and Helions Bumpstead were in the course of preparation by the Council's consulting engineers.

The parishes of Belchamp Walter, Birdbrook (The Street) and Bulmer (The Street) had been given priority regarding their need for sewerage and sewage disposal schemes in the near future, as also had minor remedial works at Stambourne (Chapelend Way) and Tilbury-juxta-Clare. Schemes for Ashen, Gestingthorpe, Great Maplestead and Wickham St. Paul were scheduled for survey and report. During the year a survey was made of the Rural Districts by your Public Health Inspectors with regard to the need for, and the practicality of providing public sewerage schemes in addition to those already included in the Council's provisional future programme. A list of eleven areas (Stambourne (Dyers End), Stambourne (Chapelend Way), White Colne (Colchester Road), Lamarsh (Alphamstone Road/Henny Road), Middleton (Rectory Road/The Street), Tilbury-juxta-Clare (Tilbury Hill), Little Yeldham (North End), Little Yeldham (Church Green/Little Yeldham Road), Earls Colne (Curds Road/Coggeshall Road), Ashen (Clare Road), and Helions Bumpstead (Pale Green to Wiggens Green)) was submitted for consideration in conjunction with the existing future programme and with existing schemes in need of enlargement.

Fifteen inspections were made by your Public Health Inspectors of public sewers and sewer ditches following complaints, and certain unsatisfactory conditions such as blockages, need of cleansing, etc., were remedied.

Surveys of all villages under consideration for sewerage schemes, involving 124 inspections, were carried out by Public Health Inspectors to provide evidence as to need on public health grounds for such schemes in support of the Council's application for approval and grant aid from the County Council and the Ministry, and also to provide information to the Council's consulting engineers.

(b) Drainage

Drainage was part of the duties of Public Health Inspectors. Due to the comparatively recent availability of mains water supply and public sewerage facilities in parts of the District, with the consequent desire for modern sanitary fittings in houses and most other premises, these duties had again to take much priority in the Department's work.

There was no scheme operated by the Council for emptying cesspools or sewage tanks in the District (except at Council houses), and householders made their own arrangements with private contractors. In November a report was submitted by the Public Health Inspector to the Public Health Committee on "Considerations re Provision of Cesspool Cleansing Service".

(i) Drainage Duties

|  |    |    |    |      |
|--|----|----|----|------|
| 1. Plans examined regarding drainage proposals | .. | .. | .. | 315  |
| 2. Drainage investigations and advisory visits | .. | .. | .. | 45   |
| 3. Drainage inspections..                      | .. | .. | .. | 1993 |
| 4. Inspection of ditches, etc.                 | .. | .. | .. | 39   |
| 5. Drainage tests                              | .. | .. | .. | 326  |
| 6. Informal notices served                     | .. | .. | .. | 42   |
| 7. Statutory notices served                    | .. | .. | .. | 3    |

(ii) Drainage Improvements

As a result of informal action by Public Health Inspectors, the following improvements were effected:—

|                                     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1. Premises drained to sewers       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 65 |
| 2. Premises drained to septic tanks | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 43 |
| 3. Drains reconstructed..           | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 |
| 4. Drains cleansed                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 |
| 5. Ditches cleansed                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3  |

### (c) Sanitary Fittings

There is a need in the District for the conversion of earth closets into water closets and for the provision of baths to dwellings.

As a result of informal action by Public Health Inspectors the following improvements were effected:—

|  |    |    |    |    |     |
|--|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. New sanitary conveniences provided  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 103 |
| 2. Sinks provided                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 78  |
| 3. Baths provided                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 89  |
| 4. Wash-hand basins provided           | .. | .. | .. | .. | 95  |
| 5. Sanitary conveniences reconstructed | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6   |
| 6. Privy conversions                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |

### (d) Refuse Storage and Disposal

Public cleansing was part of the duties of your Engineer and Surveyor. The Council possessed four refuse collecting vehicles which removed house refuse at fortnightly intervals. Refuse was disposed of on refuse dumps at Great Yeldham, Sible Hedingham and White Colne, and limited use was made of Sudbury Borough Council's dump at Bulmer.

In December the Council resolved:—

1. That a weekly kerbside refuse collection service be introduced throughout the Rural District on the 1st July, 1968 or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit.
2. That an additional continuous loading vehicle be purchased.
3. That special collections of bulky domestic refuse be undertaken free of charge in order to discourage the indiscriminate dumping of refuse in the countryside.

Eighteen inspections of refuse tips, and three inspections regarding refuse accumulations were made by Public Health Inspectors. One informal notice was served regarding refuse accumulation and two regarding provision of dustbins.

As a result of informal action by Public Health Inspectors, seven accumulations of refuse were removed and nine dustbins provided.

### (e) Flood Relief

In April a scheme for flood relief at Steeple Bumpstead by the construction of a new channel for the length of Bumpstead Brook between the footbridge and Claywall Bridge was commenced and by the end of the year was near completion.

## 7. PESTS

### (a) Insect Pests

The District continued to be comparatively free from household insect pest infestations. No premises were found with bed bug infestations. A total of 29 inspections were made by Public Health Inspectors regarding insect pests and 23 premises were disinfested of ants, fleas, flies, mosquitoes, wasps, etc. No major insect pest infestations occurred at the Council's refuse dumps, but they were dusted with insecticide powder as a routine measure.



## (b) Rodent Control

The Council operated a rat and mouse disinfestation service for occupiers of private and business premises on a basis of repayment of the cost of time, transport and materials. In September the Council resolved to provide a free rat and mouse disinfestation service for occupiers of domestic premises from 1st April, 1968.

There was no unduly high incidence of rat and mouse infestations in the District. The Council's public sewers, sewage disposal works, refuse dumps, etc., were rat disinfested as a routine measure in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food requirements.

Details of Rodent Control work carried out by your Public Health Inspectors and part-time Rodent Operator during the year were:—

| No.    | Properties other than Sewers  | Type of Property |              |
|--------|---|------------------|--------------|
|        |   | Non-Agricultural | Agricultural |
| 1.     | Number of properties in District .. ..  | 7,673            | 450          |
| 2a.    | Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification .. .. .       | 178              | 2            |
| 2b.    | Number infested by (i) Rats .. ..   | 170              | 2            |
|        | (ii) Mice .. ..   | 8                | 0            |
| 3a.    | Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification .. .. . | 1,040            | 23           |
| 3b.    | Number infested by (i) Rats .. ..   | 7                | 0            |
|        | (ii) Mice .. ..   | 0                | 0            |
| Sewers |   |                  |              |
| 4.     | No sewers were found to be infested by rats during the year.  |                  |              |

The Council's rodent control service treated 59 infestations, 52 rats and 7 mice at non-agricultural premises under their repayment of cost scheme, and 22 rat infestations at Council premises, sewerage works, refuse dumps, etc.

Fourteen informal notices were served in respect of rat infestations at 15 non-agricultural premises and 2 agricultural premises. 27 non-agricultural premises were rat disinfested by private persons or contractors following informal action by Public Health Inspectors.

No "Block Control" schemes were carried out.

There was no evidence of Warfarin-resistant rats having spread to this District during the year.

## (c) Miscellaneous Pests

One premise was disinfested in respect of moles.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS

The following miscellaneous duties were also carried out by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

|  |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|--|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| (a) Noise Nuisances                          |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Investigations   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7   |
| (2)  | Confirmed  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (3)  | Abated   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (b) Effluvia Nuisances                       |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Investigations   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24  |
| (2)  | Confirmed  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (3)  | Abated   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (c) Keeping of Animals and Poultry Nuisances |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Investigations   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22  |
| (2)  | Confirmed  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1   |
| (3)  | Abated   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (d) Notifiable Diseases                      |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Investigations   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3   |
| (2)  | Premises Disinfected   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (e) Animal Boarding Establishments           |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Licences granted   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2   |
| (2)  | Premises Fully Surveyed  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (3)  | Other Inspections  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9   |
| (f) Pet Shops                                |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Licences granted   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (2)  | Inspections  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (g) Rag Flock Stores                         |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Licences granted   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (2)  | Inspections  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   |
| (h) Waste Food Boiling Premises              |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Licences granted   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1   |
| (2)  | Inspections  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9   |
| (i) Local Land Charges                       |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Reports to Clerk of Council on public health aspects of Official Searches in the Local Land Charges Register | .. | .. | .. |    |    |    |    | 706 |
| (j) Plans                                    |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| (1)  | Plans deposited under Building Byelaws examined  | .. | .. |    |    |    |    |    | 315 |

It is important that plans should be examined by Public Health Inspectors to avoid works being carried out in accordance with Planning Permissions and Building Regulation Approvals which contravene statutory requirements administered through Public Health Inspectors, especially at food premises, houses, places of employment, shops, factories, etc.

### **(k) Special Reports**

Four special reports were submitted to the Council by the Public Health Inspector during the year.

- (1) Proposed Manure Drying Plant, Maltings Lane, Steeple Bumpstead.
- (2) Rodent Control—Free Rats and Mice Destruction Service for Domestic Premises.
- (3) Survey of the Rural District re Public Sewerage Need.
- (4) Consideration re Provision of Cesspool Cleansing Service.

### **(l) Training of Public Health Workers**

Several students (Public Health workers, Teachers, etc.) were conducted on inspection visits of places of public health interest throughout the District.

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